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**DATE: 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2024**

Deputy Michael Lowry, TD  
Constituency Office  
Abbey Street  
Thurles  
Co. Tipperary

**Re: PQ 25947/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the urgent need for a dementia care nurse and services team in north Tipperary (details supplied); if he will seek further clarification from the HSE on this matter as regards when a dedicated dementia care nurse and services team will be established in north Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

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Dear Deputy Lowry

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

A Dementia Specific Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP), who is based in Limerick with a Regional remit, is working collaboratively with Older Persons Services staff in Community Hospital of the Assumption, Thurles. Recent workshops regarding Cognitive Stimulation Therapy for residents were held on site, running over 8 weeks, with very positive outcomes to date. Two days Dementia Awareness study days "enhancing and enabling wellbeing for the person with Dementia", will be held for North Tipperary staff later this Autumn.

In addition, Dementia Support is provided by Thurles Community Social Services and the Alzheimers Society in Borrisokane who receive funding from the HSE.

I trust this clarifies the situation, but should you require any further information or clarification in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aisling Ryan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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**Aisling Ryan**  
**Head of Service – Older Persons Services**